

Platform for Better Oral Health in Europe launches new manifesto

The Oral Health Foundation has stated that it is proud to endorse and support for the Platform for Better Oral Health in Europe's (PBOHE) new manifesto, 'Smile your way to a healthy life: Working together for everyone'.

As a member of the PBOHE, the Oral Health Foundation joins the call for policymakers across Europe to take strategic action in promoting and maintaining good oral health and wellbeing for all, ultimately alleviating the strain on societies and healthcare systems.

In a world where the connection between oral health and overall wellbeing is undeniable, the manifesto urges leaders to take bold and decisive action. The manifesto serves as a rallying cry, uniting stakeholders in a shared commitment to prioritise oral health as a key determinant of a flourishing and thriving life.

Chief Executive of the Oral Health Foundation, Dr Nigel Carter, said: 'This manifesto comes at a crucial time, as societies grapple with the multifaceted challenges posed by healthcare disparities and increasing pressure on public health systems.

'By advocating for robust policies, this manifesto addresses the root causes of oral health issues, and if suggested policies are implanted, can lead to healthier and happier populations across Europe.'

The manifesto sets out three ways EU policymakers can promote and maintain good oral health for the population:

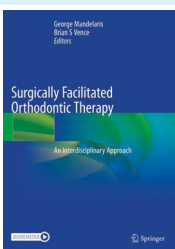
- Place oral conditions at the heart of the EU's ambitions to tackle the rising burden of non-communicable diseases
- Include preventive oral healthcare medicines within the EU's Critical Medicines initiative
- Dedicate funding from EU programmes such as EU4Health and Horizon Europe towards research in oral health.

The manifesto also proposes three ways policymakers can drive success at government level:

- Promote and encourage the adoption of best practices which have successfully improved oral health and have reduced risk factors shared with other non-communicable diseases
- Support the implementation of the WHO Action Plan on Oral Health, with a focus on including essential oral healthcare within Universal Health Coverage
- Facilitate the implementation of integrated healthcare teams and a primary care workforce which can cater to the needs of the population.

The new PBOHE manifesto can be downloaded by visiting <http://www.oralhealthplatform.eu/>.

BOOK REVIEW



SURGICALLY FACILITATED ORTHODONTIC THERAPY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

Editors: George A. Mandelaris and Brian S. Vence; 2023; Springer Cham; £199.50 (eBook); pp. 828; ISBN: 978-3-030-90099-1

To meet the desired treatment aims and objectives, the provision of dental treatment – in particular the movement of the dentition in all three dimensions – can be limited by the growth potential of patients, the craniofacial skeleton, and the available hard and soft tissues. In certain clinical conditions, surgical adjunctive procedures can be utilised to overcome these limitations. To meet the ever-increasing demand in adults requiring multidisciplinary care, the publishing of this textbook *Surgically facilitated orthodontic therapy* would seem appropriate and timely.

This book is divided into six parts consisting of a total of 28 chapters written by various contributing authors. Each chapter is extensively written and follows a logical progression. The text in each chapter is supported with appropriate references, diagrams and clinical images. The first part provides an overview of the embryologic basis of bone formation in the human craniofacial

skeleton and its relation to malocclusion in interdisciplinary dentofacial therapy. The next four chapters then focus on patient management, with particular attention given to the relevance of orthodontic, periodontal and maxillofacial specialties in the planning of surgically facilitated therapy. The final part, which I feel would be the most appealing to clinicians, focuses on the management of five clinical cases. As per the running theme of the textbook, these cases were planned and treated using a multidisciplinary approach. The documented outcomes are very impressive. However, if future updated editions of this textbook are to be planned, then the inclusion of more clinical cases covering a range of malocclusions of varying complexity treated from start to finish with surgically facilitated orthodontic therapy would be beneficial.

In summary, the authors have produced a very detailed introductory textbook explaining the benefits of surgically facilitated orthodontic therapy, in the management of complex multidisciplinary cases. The extensive multidisciplinary planning required in these cases may limit this textbook's broad appeal to clinicians. However, I feel this book would still be of interest to both early-career dental clinicians and experienced dental specialists who have a keen interest in managing multidisciplinary cases.

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